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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 173, 2/6/2017; SB 183, 2/6/2017; SB 185, 2/6/2017; SB 187,
2/6/2017

HEARING ON SB 185

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 185, Authorize transfer of game to licensed outfitter for inspection purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:52 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitter and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis29a01\)](#)

00:07:31 Sen. Facey left the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:30 Dave Loewen, Enforcement chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis29a02\)](#)

00:13:04 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:09 Sen. McClafferty
00:14:33 Mr. Loewen, FWP
00:15:09 Sen. McClafferty
00:15:22 Mr. Loewen
00:15:45 Sen. Howard
00:16:22 Mr. Loewen
00:17:14 Sen. Howard
00:17:48 Mr. Loewen
00:18:28 Sen. Howard
00:18:52 Mr. Loewen
00:19:15 Sen. Howard
00:19:34 Sen. Cohenour
00:19:57 Mr. Loewen
00:20:35 Sen. Cohenour
00:20:59 Ms. Johnson, MOGA
00:22:14 Sen. Welborn
00:22:45 Ms. Johnson
00:23:07 Sen. Welborn
00:24:09 Ms. Johnson
00:25:08 Sen. Hinkle
00:25:52 Mr. Loewen
00:26:21 Sen. Hinkle
00:26:36 Mr. Loewen
00:27:02 Sen. Hinkle

00:27:15 Mr. Loewen
00:27:23 Sen. Hinkle
00:28:14 Mr. Loewen
00:28:52 Sen. Hinkle
00:29:16 Mr. Loewen
00:29:23 Sen. Phillips
00:30:08 Mr. Loewen
00:30:19 Sen. Smith
00:30:58 Mr. Loewen
00:31:09 Chair Fielder
00:31:34 Mr. Loewen
00:32:48 Chair Fielder
00:32:54 Mr. Loewen
00:33:04 Chair Fielder
00:33:13 Mr. Loewen
00:33:38 Chair Fielder
00:33:46 Mr. Loewen
00:33:52 Chair Fielder
00:34:02 Mr. Loewen
00:34:06 Chair Fielder
00:34:32 Mr. Loewen
00:35:05 Chair Fielder
00:35:11 Mr. Loewen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:24 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:37 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 183, Repeal the sunset on the hunters against hunger program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:30 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
00:41:18 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
00:43:33 Kim Dale, program director, Helena Food Share

[EXHIBIT\(fis29a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis29a04\)](#)

00:46:04 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:47:08 Dave Loewen, Enforcement chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:28 Sen. Welborn

HEARING ON SB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:16 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 187, Prohibit importing certain animal body parts from chronic wasting disease states.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:20 Joe Cohenour, citizen

00:54:04 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis29a05)

00:58:45 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:59:57 Tim Feldner, citizen

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:50 Paul Fielder, citizen

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:19 Sen. Hinkle

01:10:40 Sen. Cohenour

01:11:50 Sen. Hinkle

01:12:10 Sen. Cohenour

01:12:38 Sen. Hinkle

01:13:41 Sen. Cohenour

01:14:02 Sen. Hinkle

01:14:13 Sen. Cohenour

01:14:27 Mr. McDonald, FWP

01:14:44 Sen. Vincent

01:15:35 Mr. Cohenour

01:16:12 Sen. Vincent

01:16:23 Mr. Cohenour

01:16:47 Sen. Vincent

01:17:23 Mr. McDonald

01:17:57 Chair Fielder

01:18:12 Mr. McDonald

01:18:17 Sen Facey entered the meeting.

01:18:24 Chair Fielder
01:18:28 Mr. McDonald
01:18:34 Chair Fielder
01:19:06 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:27 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:57 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 173, Prohibit use of out of state urine as cover scent.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:11 Joe Cohenour, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(fis29a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis29a07\)](#)

01:26:14 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

01:27:13 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:41 Sen. Vincent
01:28:19 Sen. Cohenour
01:30:32 Sen. Hinkle
01:30:56 Sen. Cohenour
01:31:31 Sen. Hinkle
01:31:35 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division
01:31:57 Sen. Hinkle
01:32:27 Sen. Cohenour
01:33:45 Chair Fielder
01:34:03 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:22 Sen. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:36 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis29aad.pdf](#))